FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Shade Trees In Poor Condition In Many Sections of Virginia

There is immediate concern about the increased susceptibility of depressed shade trees to parasitic fungi and other pests which do not usually attack trees in vigorous health.

There are several suggestions given for preventing diseases in shade trees, and for treating mildly diseased trees.

Remove dead limbs, cutting back to live wood. Make the finishing cuts smooth and paint the larger cut surfaces with asphalt paint. A good wound dressing disinfects the wound, seals it against invasions by wood-rotting fungi, and aids healing.

Inspect the trunk and the main limbs for abnormalities such as sloughing bark, conks of bracket fungi, burls or pockets of wood rot. If rots are found, the treatment will depend on their extent. Small rotted zones can be chiseled out, taking care to cut down to clean, healthy wood and leaving cut surfaces smooth. Pockets that will collect water should be re - formed by further cutting to permit complete drainage. Finish by painting the wound with asphalt dressing. Large rotted zones present a more serious problem, because removing much wood may so weaken the tree that it will break. Such operations are often best done by reputable firms specializing in this work.

Feed and water the tree by some method appropriate to the situation. The following method is good in many locations.

Build a circular dike of soil around the tree high enough to hold water four inches deep in the basin. The diameter of the basin should equal that of the shade canopy of the tree. For very small trees or shrubs, a diameter of six feet is suggested. Spread a commercial fertilizer over the soil within the dike, at the rate of about one pound per 100 square feet. Fill the basin with water to a depth of four inches, and let it soak in. During the hot, dry part of the year the watering can be repeated every week or 10 days, but discontinue watering during wet seasons. Repeat the fertilizer application every 30 days during the growing season, withholding fertilizer as the tree starts to go into dormancy. Always water well every time you add fertilizer.

Concentrate Milk—
A Coming Development

The development of concentrate milk may well be the most important change in the milk industry since the advent of pasteurization.

The sale of concentrate milk will likely occur in two stages. The first stage will be a fresh concentrated milk which must be kept under refrigeration. This form of concentrate is currently being sold in some areas of the country. Then will come a sterile, storable, high quality concentrate that can be reconstituted with no undesirable flavors. It will move in interstate trade in the same way as evaporated milk. The cost of transporting either type of concentrate will average about one-third the rate for fresh whole milk. Thus, on a transportation cost basis, the concentrate milk will be able to compete over distances at least three times as great as those for fresh whole milk.

Market analyses show that consumer acceptance of fresh concentrate product has been good when there was some difference in price. In most markets where the fresh concentrate has been sold successfully, it has been priced from two to four cents below fresh fluid milk. In some of the larger markets in California, fresh concentrate milk has accounted for as much as 25 per cent of the total whole milk sales at a three cent price difference.

Since concentrate milk will resemble evaporated milk in many respects (taste will be one), the retail price will likely eventually settle near the going price for the evaporated product. This means the concentrate will average anywhere from 3 to 10 cents below fluid prices.

Dairymen will want to ponder some questions that will arise from concentrated milk. Isn't it likely that there would be a drop in the price of milk per quart, particularly if bought in the concentrate form? Suppose the decline amounted to 5 or 10 cents per quart? What steps would fluid milk dealers and producers need to take to compete at such lower per - quart prices? Greater efficiency seems the best solution. What about milk consumption? Increased consumption is a likely prospect because of lower prices. Will the possible interstate movement of the concentrate product pose any unique problems for the state regulatory agency.

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ILLUMINATED PARADE TO FEATURE ANNUAL TOBACCO FESTIVAL

The spectacular illuminated parade for the Eighth Annual Tobacco Festival in Richmond, Oct. 10-13, will have more outstanding floats, bands and marching units than in any past year, according to General Chairman Floyd E. Adams.

There will be at least seventy-five units with thirty-two floats and twenty-one bands in this year's parade which will assemble at Chimborazo Park at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon, Oct. 12, and leave at 5:45 for the main starting point at Eighth and Broad Streets, where it will continue west on Broad to Harrison as a complete parade.

The mobile units will continue to parade to Thompson Street and on into the City Sadium but the marching units will go from Harrison Street to the Stadium by buses where they will again take their places in the parade for the march into the Stadium, where the entire parade can be viewed by the spectators attending the football game between the University of Richmond and The Citadel.

A new parade feature this year will be a five-car-train float measuring sixty-five feet in length. The famous Anheuser-Busch eight-horse hitch will again be a parade unit as will Mallie Theimer's fire baton twirling majorettes. There will be twenty cars in the antique car unit. The parade will be led this year by ten Palomino horses ridden by cowboys dressed in the traditional western style.

While sidewalk viewers are watching the parade go by in the downtown section of Richmond, the fans at the City Stadium will be entertained with cowboy acts and by clowns with specialty acts. The Stadium will open at 5:30 P. M., to give the people an opportunity to get there before the traffic becomes too congested. The entertainment will begin at 6 o'clock and will continue until the parade enters the Stadium at 7 o'clock. The game will begin at 8:30 P. M. and according to advance ticket sales there should be a record crowd attending this Tobacco Festival family event.

Twenty-five princesses are being sponsored by tobacco markets this year as compared to eighteen last year. Markets being represented for the first time are King and Queen County, Nelson County, Sussex County, Charlotte County, Conway, S. C.; Greensboro, N. C., and Tampa, Florida.

One of these girls will be named the new "Queen of Tobaccoland" during the program show beginning at 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 13, and will be crowned by a distinguished guest of the Festival. The Tobacco Bowl football game between are Universities of Virginia and North Carolina will begin at 2:30 P. M, following the coronation of the Queen.

Other Festival events include the presentation of "Pajama Game" by the Broadway cast at the Mosque Theatre during the entire Festival week, Oct. 8-13, the Princess Dance at the Hotel John Marshall on Thursday evening at 9 P. M., the Festival Dance at Tantilla Gardens on Saturday evening, and the beautiful Tobacco Ball at the Jefferson Hotel on Saturday night.

CRASH KILLS 9

Wall, S. D.- A headon crash between two cars recently killed nine persons, including three children, and wiped out all members of the Theron Conger family, excepting one daughter, Rose Marie, about 8. She was taken to a hospital, but was not expected to live.

Per Capita Income Up In Va.

Richmond, Va.- Virginia per capita income has increased over four times from 1930 when it was $384 to last year when it was $1,535, according to the latest statistical data compiled by the Research Department of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

And for the past 22 years, "Virginia personal income payments have increased on the average at a faster rate than those of the nation, it was pointed out by George W. Jennings, State Chamber of Commerce Research Director.

"In 1929, Virginia income amounted to 1.23 per cent of that of the nation," said Jennings, "but by 1955, Virginia's share increased to 1.83 per cent."

These and other facts regarding the balance of manufacturing, trade, government, service, agriculture income and population can be found in the latest State Chamber of Commerce publication, "Economic Soundness and Progress of Virginia."

Published periodically to provide accurate information to the 2,500 business or professional firms which are members of the State Chamber of Commerce, the pamphlet shows economic conditions and trends in the Old Dominion. This is free to non-members of the State chamber, Jennings said.

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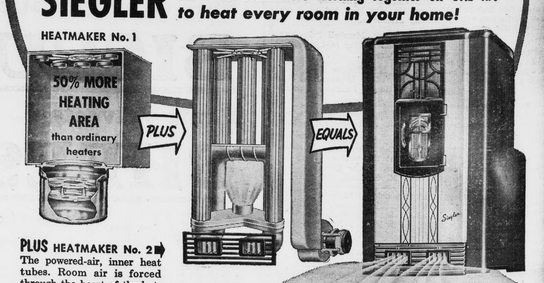

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Home Agent's Notes

Prepared by Elizabeth W. Pancake Ass't. Home Agent

Standardized Patterns

You've had trouble buying patterns in a size that fits you, here's why. Many pattern companies have adopted sizes with a new set of measurements.

The first step toward enjoying standardized patterns is to know your old size. Get out your measure and start over. Then take your measurements with your charts to see what "type" you really are — or come closest to it. If you've been buying a Miss-size Woman's pattern, you might find you should buy a different size — Half Size, perhaps.

Then add your correct pattern size and need to take your measurements according to these new charts.

Measure snugly, but not tightly. Use the finest part of bust for your first measurements.

Measure your natural waistline — where you wear a belt, not your waist measurement.

Measure high hip measurement, measure from prominent bone at base of your neck to waistline for your Back Waist Length.

Take measurements, not just for several times, perhaps on different days. Jot measurements down each time and choose ones that most often.

Be sure to measure snugly but not too tightly. Do not allow for "ease to move around in" as pattern designers have already done for you.

Sizes that are neither tight nor sloppy, but have a proper amount of natural ease, give you

Fruit Cake In The Freezer

If you still hold to the tradition of making your own holiday fruit cakes you may want to make it ahead and you may want to consider the advantages of keeping it in your home freezer or freezer locker.

"Fruit cakes are particularly successful for freezing for many reasons," says Faith Fenton of the New York State (Cornell) Experiment Station. She explains that the flavor of any cake heavy with fruits becomes blended and mellow during storage, and the cake stays moist because of the fruit and fat present. Also fruit cakes are rather compact and sturdy so are not likely to be mashed or dented during freezer storage.

Fruit cakes, says Dr. Fenton, may be baked, frozen and stored in oven glassware, or they may be baked in metal pans, removed, cooled and then wrapped and frozen.

Stain Removal From Dark Fabrics

Most homemakers know that it pays to remove stains as promptly as possible because they become set by aging or heat. A stain on a white tablecloth generally gets prompt attention because it is so conspicuous. But the dark-colored tablecloths often "hide" stains until too late to remove successfully. Iowa textile specialists point out. It pays to look these over carefully and if you spot a stain, remove it before folding the cloth away or before putting it in the regular laundry. If not of fast color, such tablecloths require landering in lukewarm water with plenty of detergent. If the color permits, using hot enough water to remove grease stains, treat the stain in advance with a grease solvent or cleaning fluid. Greasy stains, unless removed, may show up when the article is ironed, and the heat of the iron may set the stain.

SKIDS 900 FEET

Fort Walton Beach, Fla.- A car, rounding a curve at high speed, went into a skid and skidded more than 900 feet — the length of three football fields — and then overturned. One of the four occupants was slightly injured. Highway officials figure the only way it was possible for the car to skid so far was that the blacktop road was dry and the automobile tires were slick.

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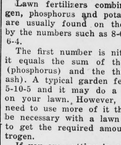
Creation

Lesson for October 7, 1956

IT IS one of the tragedies of Christian history that the first book of the Bible, as well as the last, has been fought over, bitterly, from generation to generation. In spite of all the quarrels, however (and there seems to be no hope of all Christians ever agreeing here), there are certain great truths in this magnificent prose-poem with which the Bible begins, which are agreed on by all Christians. Let us pick out three of these.



Dr. Foreman

In the Beginning, God—"

The first truth is that this vast universe did not merely happen. It was intended. It was intended by God (so to speak) invented it. Why should anything be? is a thought that has occurred to countless people. Why is there something instead of nothing, anything at all instead of nothing? Is it just a happen-so? Did the universe make itself, as it were, like a dust-storm building up in the desert or an icicle dripping itself longer day by day? Was there some blind Necessity at the beginning of all things? Or maybe did the earth and all the universe exist forever without any beginning? Not at all. That the universe is here at all is because of God who planned it and brought it into being. How long ago this started, or how many changes have taken place since the first instant of time, makes no difference with the main point: namely that the universe does not explain itself, did not cause itself, but is what it is and as it is because God willed it. Furthermore, if God created it, including ourselves, he had a reason. We cannot conceive of God working blindly or at random or for no reason.

Order and Law

The more men study the universe, whether the great and immeasurable universe around us, in which our sun is no more than a mediocre star nowhere near the center of things, or the marvelous tiny universe discovered by the miscroscope—the more men study all this the more they discover that it is a universe of law. If the sun rises at all tomorrow, astronomers know precisely when it will rise. They can know it years beforehand. Men used to be surprised by eclipses. Now we can calculate the time of every eclipse that will take place, or that has taken place since before the time of man. Even that most unpredictable of things, the wind, can be forecast better than once it could. Men once had to take hurricanes as they came. Now they can be warned of them and their tracks are mostly known. Man in discovering such things is simply "thinking God's thoughts after him." As one astronomer remarked, the universe seems more like a great Thought than a great Machine. In these universal laws, in their regularity and dependability, we can read the will of God. This does not mean that we understand everything—far from it. Mystery surrounds us still. But no science at all would be possible if we could not count on a world that "makes sense" from the smallest atom to the mightiest star.

God Created No Evil

The story-poem of Creation in Genesis ends with the joyful note —God saw all he had made, and it was very good. If anything God has created seems bad, it is either because we do not know how to use it, or we have barged in where we do not belong, or because we ourselves have made it bad. St. Thomas Aquinas once compared this world to a tool-shop full of well-sharpened tools. It is not safe to turn a child or lunatic loose in there; but a master-workman will not get hurt. So as men are learning about the universe they are finding out how to use the materials that the Creator has set at our disposal. But much that is evil in the world is of our own making. Most dust storms, for example, are made by man's greed and stupidity to begin with, in digging up soil that was never meant for cultivation. The whole race of man now stands in terror of death, for though we have discovered how to harness the power in the atom—power our fathers knew was there but had no idea how to reach—we have put more effective thought into using it for destruction than for man's help. But all man's misuses of God's creation must not make us forget that when God first looked it over, he saw that it was good.

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About The Home

By Frances Dell

One of the most successful ways to feed your lawn is to apply a light feeding six times a year: once early in May, twice in July, twice in August, and once in September. The feedings are so light that it will not be any more expensive than the usual twice a year feedings most people use.

It is best to avoid feeding late in April, May or June, unless you live in a far north state. The reason for this is that the weeds will take most of your plant food and your grass will get very little, if any benefit from the feedings. The double feedings during July and August come at the very height of the grass growing season. These double feedings must be combined with plenty of water.

Lawn fertilizers combine nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. They are usually found on the market by the numbers such as 8-6-2 or 10-6-4.

The first number is nitrogen — it equals the sum of the second (phosphorus) and the third (potash). A typical garden fertilizer is 5-10-5 and it may do a good job on your lawn. However, you will need to use more of it than would be necessary with a lawn fertilizer to get the required amount of nitrogen.

If you are putting in grass seed, don't need for at least a week after you feed. Let at least a month go by after germination before you feed again.

Topsoil is an important item for your lawn and garden. It is good friable dirt, containing humus and plant foods. A perfect condition is 10 inches of topsoil. Below 4 or 5 inches you will have some trouble but proper feeding can work wonders. Have you soil tested to determine just what is needed.

Chemical soil conditioners are often necessary. Ground limestone will do wonders for a soil that is low in calcium and magnesium. It also lowers acidity, a problem where you have a number of trees.

During fall and winter it is important to keep leaves and pine raked. Grass needs air and light. These leaves can be used to advantage around acid-loving shrubs.

SURPRISING SILENCE

Valley, Neb.- A couple pulled into a service station here, had the tank filled and the car drove off. Ten minutes and ten miles later, the drive rasked his wife to light a cigaret for him, but received no answer. He took his eyes off the road long enough to glance at his wife. But there was no wife in the back seat. He returned to the station and picked her up.

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NEWS from HOLLYWOOD

Tommy Kirk, 14, who was the youngest accredited boy correspondent at the recent Democratic and Republican presidential conventions in Chicago and San Francisco, and who, with 13-year-old Judy Harriet, covered the political conclaves for special reports role in "Young Davy Crockett," a serial to be presented in 15 episodes during the 1956-57 season of "Mickey Mouse Club," which begins Monday, October 1.

It's a little disillusioning to realize that some of the stars of just a few years back have sons who are now appearing in pictures. It seems that John Wayne started something when he had his young son, Pat, appear with him in "The Searchers" earlier this year. Now we hear that David, 9 year old son of Alan and Sue Carol, and Jack Wrather, Jr., 12, son of the "Lone Ranger" producer and Bonita Granville, are the latest to make their bows before film cameras. They'll appear in "Buffalo Grass" at Warners.

In "The Far Wanderer," Sterling Hayden will have a double interest. In addition to his salary for starring in the adventure story, which is about seal hunting, he will also be paid for renting the picture's principal set—his 98-foot 100-ton schooner, the Gracie S.— to the producer, Linday Parsons.

Italian stars Sophia Loren and Rossano Brazzi will join John Wayne in "The Legend of Timbuktu," which Henry Hathaway will make from the screen play written by Ben Hecht. The action will be filmed in a deserted old Roman town called Leptis-Magna outside Tripoli on the edge of the Sahara, starting sometime in January.

Two of Hollywood's top moneymakers are Audie Murphy and Jimmy Stewart. Audie, like Jimmy, gets a good percentage of the profits of his films. The two are to be together in "Night Passage." If both get percentages, what will happen to the producer?

GRANDMA MOSES 96

Eagle Bridge, N. Y.- The little lady knows as Grandma Moses celebrated her 96th birthday on September 7th, at her little cottage a short distance from the Vermont line. Mrs. Anna Mary Robertson Moses still paints a little every day, still has "wonderful" eyesight and is in better health than she was this time last year.

SALE OF DUCK STAMPS INCREASES IN VA.

According to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, Virginia hunters purchased 26,279 duck stamps during the last waterfowl season.

This is approximately double the number of duck stamps purchased by Virginians some ten years ago, according to I. T. Quinn, Executive Director of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

There were a total of 2,369,940 duck stamps sold in the United States last year. Of that number, according to Quinn, 387,035 were sold in the Atlantic flyway states, which is the smallest number sold in any of the flyways in this country.

HAY BALER GETS $349

Scottsville, Ky.- Moda G. Taylor's wallet fell out of his pocket and into the hay-baler he was operating recently. He has been notified by the Federal Reserve Bank in Washington that his loss would be redeemed since serial numbers were still visible on the chewed up $349 in his waleit.

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